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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - GAZA ATTACK

11. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Tuesday morning included a decline this year in foreign direct investment in Japan.

12. "Attacks on Gaza to Lead to Chain of Retaliation?"
The moderate Yomiuri editorialized (12/30): "Will they fall into a chain of retaliation again?... If the military confrontation between Israel and Hamas escalates, peace in the Middle East will become remote and the overall situation in the region will become more uncertain. Both Israel and Hamas should immediately stop their military actions. The international community, including the U.S., Europe, and Arab nations, needs to seek ways to stop hostilities and apply pressure on them."

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